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# Press Release

## ***HIALEAH MAYOR'S EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES BREEDS POSITIVE RESULTS***

Hialeah, Florida – May 30, 2008 – On Friday, the City of Hialeah held its second annual EMI Awards at Victor Wilde Park. The awards ceremony hosted by the City of Hialeah and presented by Mayor Julio Robaina, recognized Hialeah schools in various categories for excelling and striving to constantly raise their educational standards. Principals from all the area schools in Hialeah were asked to nominate individuals from their for various categories including, Teacher of the Year, Janitorial Staff of the Year, Office Staff of the Year and Student of the Year, among others. The ceremony also awards parents for their support and participation in school events.

Mayor Robaina's strong educational initiatives allow students to excel to their full potential by providing aid and opening doors to new programs, materials and software to help schools mold their students into the best versions of themselves. The City of Hialeah is the only municipality in the state of Florida with the ability to grant charter to educational institutions because of the Mayor's efforts. This privilege, allows schools to specialize in specific programs especially aimed at preparing its students for the real world and offer specific training in career courses.

At the award ceremony, a Hialeah native and Hialeah High School student, Hanny Rivera, was presented with the prestigious Student of the Year Award in the high school category because of her outstanding academic achievements and extensive involvement in extra-curricular activities. Hanny received a full scholarship to the coveted, ivy-league institution, Harvard University. Among the elementary school category, Meadowlane Elementary's Sabrina Perez, took the title of Student of the Year for her perfect attendance record and her FCAT scores. One of the highest ranking students among her peers.

The awards were made possible by Mayor Julio Robaina's Educational Advisory Board and Education Department spearheaded by Ms. Katharine Cue. Serving as a liaison between all the Hialeah schools and the City of Hialeah, Katharine, ensures the Mayor's goals to constantly improve the educational system within the

City remain alive and strong. The EMI's is quickly becoming a tradition in the making and it is through the Mayor's dedication that he will continue to recognize the City of Hialeah's public schools as an incentive to further raise their standards which in turn, will ensure our children are given the best odds at success amidst turbulent times.